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| (1) FOR | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | (6) RATE | (7) ADDITIONAL FEES |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | | MINUS | | = 0 | X \$18 | \$ 0 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | | MINUS | | = 0 | X \$84 | \$ 0 |
| [] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | | + \$280 | \$ 0 |
| EXTENSION FEE | 1ST MONTH \$110.00 | 2ND MONTH \$400.00 | 3RD MONTH \$920.00 | 4TH MONTH \$1440.00 | | \$ 0 |
| OTHER FEES | | | | | | \$ |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | | \$ 0 |

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Respectfully submitted,

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